

House Resolution No. 1233

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the lives of Show-Me State residents who admirably have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Fatemeh Keshavarz has attained considerable distinction as a Professor of Persian Language and Comparative Literature and the Chair of the Department of Asian and Near Eastern Languages and Literatures at Washington University in Saint Louis, Missouri; and

Whereas, on May 3, 2008, Fatemeh Keshavarz will enhance her already impressive record of achievement when she receives the Hershel Walker 'Peace and Justice' Award from the Missouri/Kansas Friends of the People's Weekly World; and

Whereas, universally praised as a peace activist who has strongly argued for an end to the war in Iraq and for friendly relations and cross cultural dialog with Iran, Fatemeh Keshavarz was born in 1952 in Shiraz, Iran; earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Persian language and literature from Shiraz University; and completed Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in Near Eastern studies from the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London; and

Whereas, since arriving at Washington University in 1990 to teach, Fatemeh Keshavarz has additionally served as the Director of the Graduate Program in Jewish, Islamic, and Near Eastern Studies; Director of the Center for the Study of Islamic Societies and Civilizations; and President of the Association of Women Faculty; and

Whereas, Fatemeh Keshavarz is a noted academic, writer, and literary figure who is the author of Jasmine and Stars: Reading more than Lolita in Tehran, the An Effort at the Beginning collection of poems, A Descriptive and Analytical Catalogue of Persian Manuscripts in the Library of the Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine, Reading Mystical Lyric: The Case of Jalal al-Din Rumi, and Recite in the Name of the Red Rose: Poetic Sacred Making in Twentieth-century Iran:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Fatemeh Keshavarz for the Hershel Walker 'Peace and Justice' Award from the Missouri/Kansas Friends of the People's Weekly World and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued personal and professional success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Fatemeh Keshavarz.

Offered by _____
Representative Maria N. Chappelle-Nadal
District No. 72

Representative Jeanette Mott Oxford
District No. 59

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1233, adopted March 25, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker